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H.R. 2711 - FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act (Rogers, R-MI)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 2711 requires for certain expenses of immediate family members of federal employees that have died while in the line of duty to be paid for by federal funds.

The agency to which the deceased employee was assigned will be responsible for relocation expenses of immediate family members who move following the death of the employee, and the expense of transporting the remains of the deceased.

H.R. 2711 states that this legislation will not cover expenses already covered by another government agency.

The original bill language only called for immediate family members of fallen FBI agents. The new language extends this to all federal employees who die will in the line of duty. Additionally, this legislation will also authorize federal funds for the transportation costs of the remains of the deceased officers.

Additional Information: The legislation is also known as the “Special Agent Samuel Hicks Families of Fallen Heroes Act” and is named for Special Agent Sam Hicks, who was assigned to the Pittsburgh FBI office. He was fatally shot on November 19, 2008, while executing a federal search warrant associated with a drug distribution ring. Special Agent Hicks was a former police officer with the Baltimore Police Department. He and his family relocated to Pittsburgh when he became an Agent. The Bureau was unable to assist the Hicks family in moving back to Baltimore after his death.

Committee Action: H.R. 2711 was introduced on June 4, 2009 and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia. A full committee markup was held on September 10, 2009 and the bill passed by voice vote. Rep. Chaffetz offered an amendment which was adopted by voice vote. The amendment allows the Attorney General or a designee to pay moving and relocation expenses for a family if the family moves or relocates outside the continental United States.

The legislation passed the House on December 8, 2009 by voice vote, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. The legislation passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 14, 2010. The legislation was amended in the Senate and now is back in the House.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO states that H.R. 2711 would “have no significant cost to the federal government.”

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes.
The legislation requires certain expenses of immediate family members of federal officers that have died while in the line of duty to be paid for by federal funds.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: According to House Report 111-274, “H.R. 2711 does not include any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.”

Constitutional Authority: House Report 111-274 cites Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States for constitutional authority.

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H.Res. 1172 - Recognizing the life and achievements of Will Keith Kellogg (Schauer, D-MI)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1172 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the 150th anniversary of the birth of Will Keith Kellogg and his contributions to the citizens of the United States and the people of the world.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Will Keith (W.K.) Kellogg, through his experimentation and entrepreneurship, revolutionized eating habits around the world; promoted healthy living for families and communities; patriotically assisted the United States during World War II; created the Kellogg Company, which has produced a wide variety of popular foods for more than 100 years and has developed memorable cultural icons; and formed the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which promotes a vision of healthy living around the world;
- “April 7, 2010, will mark the celebration of the 150th anniversary of W.K. Kellogg's birth;
- “The production facilities of the Kellogg Company played a key role in assisting the engineering efforts of the United States Armed Forces during World War II;
- “The Kellogg Company currently has production facilities in 14 States, including: California, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington; and
- “W.K. Kellogg created a legacy of healthy living, patriotism, and entrepreneurship that endures to this day.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1172 was introduced on March 11, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Committee, which held a markup on May 20, 2010 and reported the bill by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1189 - Commending Lance Mackey on winning a record 4th straight Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race (Rep. Young, R-AK)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1189 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends Lance Mackey on his record-breaking 4th consecutive Iditarod victory during the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race;
- “Applauds each and every musher who was courageous enough to compete in the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and
- “Expresses appreciation to all volunteers and staff who help make this great Alaskan race possible each and every year.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Lance Mackey comes from a long line of successful mushers, including his father Dick and his brother Rick, each of whom has won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race;
- “The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which has been called the ‘Last Great Race on Earth’, is a grueling 1,150-mile sled dog race across Alaska’s jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, and windswept tundra;
- “Lance Mackey is the only 4-time consecutive Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Champion, the only 4-time Yukon Quest Race Champion and the only man to win both the Yukon Quest and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in the same year, which he did in both 2007 and 2008;
- “Lance Mackey, guided by his two lead dogs ‘Maple’ and ‘Rev’, mushed his team of Alaskan Huskies along the path of the 38th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from its start in Anchorage to the finish line in Nome in just 8 days, 23 hours, 59 minutes, and 9 seconds; and
- “Each checkpoint along the Iditarod Trail has coordinators, health care professionals, and licensed veterinarians who carefully monitor the health and safety of all dogs and mushers.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1189 was introduced on March 17, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup on April 14, 2010 and passed the bill by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1316 - Celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month (Honda, D-CA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1316 would resolve that the Congress:

- “Recognizes that Asian American and Pacific Islander communities enhance the rich diversity of the United States; and
- “Celebrates the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The United States joins together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asians and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the Nation's history;
- “The month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month due to the following two historical events, first, May 7, 1843, when the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States, and second, May 10, 1869, when, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants, the first transcontinental railroad was completed;
- “President Barack Obama has a deep understanding of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community;

- “President Obama has demonstrated a commitment to judicial diversity through the nomination of high caliber Asian Americans and other minority jurists at all levels of the Federal bench; and
- “Learning from injustices faced by Asian American and Pacific Islander communities throughout United States history, such as the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Japanese American internment, unpunished hate crimes such as the murder of Vincent Chin, post-9/11 profiling, discrimination, and hate crimes against Sikh and Muslim communities, and other events, can help perfect the Nation.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1316 was introduced on April 29, 2010 and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup on May 6, 2010 and approved the legislation by unanimous consent.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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H.Res. 1385 - Recognizing and honoring the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans (*Skelton, D-MO*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1385 would resolve that the Congress:

- “Recognizes and honors the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans and thanks such members and veterans for their service; and
- “Urges all Americans to recognize and honor the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans and thank such members and veterans for their service.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “May is commonly known as National Military Appreciation Month;
- “Members of the Armed Forces answer the call to serve the United States, leaving their homes, their families, and American soil, in times of war and peace;
- “Members of the Armed Forces respond to acts of aggression against the United States and its allies, protect and evacuate civilians, bring stability to areas experiencing political turmoil, and provide comfort and support in the wake of natural disasters;
- “Members of the Armed Forces have served the United States in hundreds of deployments, large and small, since the earliest days of the United States; and
- “All Americans, and many hundreds of millions of people around the world, owe their freedom to the courage, service, and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces and veterans.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1385 was introduced on May 20, 2010 and was referred to the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee and House Armed Services Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1353 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid
Awareness Month to raise awareness of student financial aid
(Bishop, D-NY)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1353 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month;
- “Encourages students and families across the United States to participate in Student Financial Aid Awareness Month; and
- “Recognizes the importance of educating students and families about Federal Student Financial Aid.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Efforts to increase awareness about student financial aid options are necessary for students across the United States to receive all of the financial aid available to them;
- “Increasing awareness about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ensures that more eligible students may benefit from Federal financial assistance;
- “Increasing access to Federal financial aid helps reduce students' reliance on costly private loans; and
- “Student Financial Aid Awareness Month will help call attention to the critical role financial assistance plays in helping students attending an institution of higher education.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1353 was introduced on May 12, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1169 - Honoring the 125th anniversary of Rollins College (Grayson, D-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1169 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors Rollins College on the joyous occasion of its 125th anniversary, recognizes its unwavering commitment to liberal arts education, and expresses its best wishes for continued success.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The motto of Rollins College is ‘Fiat Lux’, meaning ‘Let There Be Light’ and, indeed, there has been light at Rollins from the beginning;
- “For the fifth consecutive year, Rollins College ranked No. 1 among 117 Southern master’s-level universities, in the annual rankings of ‘America’s Best Colleges’ in U.S. News & World Report;
- “In 1949, Rollins College was the first institution of higher education in the South to present an honorary degree to an African-American, namely Mary McLeod Bethune; and
- “Rollins College is committed to excellence not only in the classroom but also on the playing field, having won more than 20 NCAA national championships, and being a founder of intercollegiate rowing in the South, as well as intercollegiate soccer across Central Florida.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1169 was introduced on March 11, 2010 and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1161 - Honoring the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University, the first Catholic university in the world to offer co-education as part of its regular undergraduate program
(Moore, D-WI)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1161 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette University and commends the largest independent institution in Wisconsin for continuing to fulfill its Catholic, Jesuit mission of offering premier higher educational opportunities to all students who have a desire to learn.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Marquette University was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1881 as a Catholic, Jesuit educational institution;
- “Today, 53 percent of Marquette University students, 7 of the 33 members of the board of trustees, and 12 of the 27 members of the university leadership council are women;
- “The Educational Opportunity Program continues Marquette University's tradition of serving as a model of success for more than 1,200 colleges and universities with Federally funded TRIO programs;
- “Marquette University continues to adhere to its tenet of asking who has yet to gain access to higher education and who needs support in succeeding once through the door.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1161 was introduced on March 10, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1372 - Honoring the University of Georgia Graduate School on the occasion of its centennial (Broun, R-GA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1372 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the centennial of the founding and organization of the University of Georgia Graduate School; and
- “Expresses sincere appreciation to the students and administrators who contribute to the growth and success of the University of Georgia Graduate School.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On June 10, 1910, the University of Georgia organized its graduate education practices under the guidance of Professor Willis Henry Boccock, who became the first dean of the Graduate School;
- “The Graduate School has awarded master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees to more than 73,000 individuals who occupy leadership roles in school systems, institutions of higher learning, business, government, and nonprofit organizations;
- “The Graduate School includes more than 350 fields of study and contributes to new knowledge and advancements in academic research; and
- “Graduate School graduates have made significant contributions to the economic development and competitiveness of the State of Georgia and the United States.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1372 was introduced on May 19, 2010 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 407 - Expressing support for designation of May as “National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month” (*Castor, D-FL*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 407 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of `National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month';
- “Supports the designation of a `National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month';
- “Encourages local communities to raise awareness surrounding the prevalence of asthma and allergies;
- “Encourages awareness about disparities in asthma cases based on race, ethnicity, and economic status;
- “Recognizes and salutes health care professionals that treat asthma- and allergy-related health issues each day; and
- “Recognizes and reaffirms the Nation's commitment to continued education surrounding asthma and allergy treatment and symptoms and to advancing care for both asthma and allergy conditions.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Approximately 2,200,000 million school-aged children have food allergy and the number of American children under 5 years of age with peanut allergy doubled between 1999 and 2004;
- “It is estimated that the cost of allergies is nearly \$7,000,000,000 each year;
- “Asthma accounts for an annual loss of more than 12,800,000 school days per year, which is approximately 8 days for each student with asthma, and it is

- estimated that children with asthma spend nearly 8,000,000 days per year restricted to bed;
- “The month of May 2009 would be an appropriate month to designate a ‘National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.’”

Committee Action: H.Res. 407 was introduced on May 6, 2009 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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